

EXTENSIONS OF REMARKS

HONORING THE LIFE OF BISHOP
Z.L. GRADY

HON. JAMES E. CLYBURN

OF SOUTH CAROLINA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, April 23, 2020

Mr. CLYBURN. Madam Speaker, I rise today to honor and pay tribute to the life and legacy of a great leader in the African Methodist Episcopal (AME) Church, Bishop Zedekiah LaZett (Z.L.) Grady who transitioned on Sunday, April 19th. Bishop Grady was one of my spiritual and political mentors and—like many others—I will always cherish his memory.

Z.L. Grady was born the son of Walter and Sylvira Bynum Grady in Loughman, Florida. Education was extremely important to him, and he was a life-long learner. He was educated in Sanford, Florida public schools and graduated from Crooms Academy. He attended Florida's Edward Waters College and the B.F. Lee Theological Seminary, where he earned A.A. and B.Th. degrees before earning a B.A. degree from Allen University, in Columbia, South Carolina, and a M.Div. degree from Dickerson Theological Seminary. He continued his theological studies at the Union Theological Seminary in New York and the Urban Training Center in Chicago, Illinois. Bishop Grady was awarded honorary doctorate degrees from Kittrell College, Allen University and Edward Waters College.

While Bishop Grady was a highly respected AME church leader, his influence spread far beyond the church walls. He was a pastor and an astute administrator who excelled and had many great successes in both roles. He also wore the mantle of civic organizer, social reformer, and teacher. These roles enabled him to make indelible marks on many communities.

I met Bishop Grady when I was a young public-school teacher in Charleston, South Carolina. Although I was born and had grown up in a Church of God parsonage, and my wife, Emily, had been born and grew up in a United Methodist Church family, we were drawn to and often attended Morris Brown AME Church where Z.L. Grady was pastoring at the time. It was under his influence and tutelage that we became AMEs.

He demonstrated to us what the Bible means by "faith without works is dead." Not only did he preach the Word on Sundays, he often played instrumental roles in civic and community activities throughout the week. His role in the infamous 1969 Charleston Hospital Workers strike was pivotal. He joined with ministers at Emanuel and Ebenezer AME churches to build affordable housing on Johns Island, a sea island near Charleston. He instituted a daycare center and kindergarten at Morris Brown and our first-born began her formal education in that kindergarten. He began a radio broadcast of the church services.

During his time in South Carolina, he served as Chairman and Vice Chairman of the South

Carolina Juvenile Parole Board, Chairman of the Charleston Community Race Relations Committee, Member of the Charleston Housing Authority, and a Board Member of C&S National Bank and NationsBank. And he served as an advisor to elected officials on the municipal, state and federal levels.

As he rose in church and civic leadership, Bishop Grady's work took him outside South Carolina to share his talents with the world. He was elected the 111th Bishop of the AME Church in 1992, and served in the 16th, 9th and 1st Episcopal Districts.

One of my most memorable experiences was arriving at the AME University in Monrovia, Liberia with the Speaker of the United States House of Representatives, NANCY PELOSI, and us being greeted by Bishop Grady. He wanted it to be a surprise and it was.

Bishop Grady retired from his official role at the AME General Conference. His civic memberships included being a life member of the Beta Mu Sigma Chapter of the Phi Beta Sigma Fraternity, Inc. and a life member of the NAACP.

Bishop Grady leaves to cherish his memory his wife Carrie Etta Robertson Grady, a native of Winnsboro, South Carolina, who served admirably at his side throughout their leadership journey with the AME Church. The two were parents of four children and five grandchildren, one of whom Carey has followed him into the ministry and was my first Congressional Intern.

Madam Speaker, I ask you and my colleagues to join me in honoring the life of this religious and community leader and recognizing the tremendous positive impact Bishop Z.L. Grady made in South Carolina and around the world. Although he will be sorely missed, we are all better for his service among us.

MIAKODA SEYBOLT

HON. ED PERLMUTTER

OF COLORADO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, April 23, 2020

Mr. PERLMUTTER. Madam Speaker, I rise today to recognize and applaud Miakoda Seybolt for receiving the Adams County Mayors and Commissioners Youth Award.

Miakoda Seybolt is a 10th grader at Bennett Middle School and received this award because her determination and hard work have allowed her to overcome adversities.

The dedication demonstrated by Miakoda Seybolt is exemplary of the type of achievement that can be attained with hard work and perseverance. It is essential students at all levels strive to make the most of their education and develop a work ethic which will guide them for the rest of their lives.

I extend my deepest congratulations to Miakoda Seybolt for winning the Adams County Mayors and Commissioners Youth Award. I

have no doubt she will exhibit the same dedication and character in all of her future accomplishments.

SUPPORTING H. RES. 935, CRE-
ATING A SELECT SUB-
COMMITTEE ON THE
CORONAVIRUS CRISIS

HON. BENNIE G. THOMPSON

OF MISSISSIPPI

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, April 23, 2020

Mr. THOMPSON of Mississippi. Madam Speaker, I include in the RECORD the following letter in support of the creation on the Select Subcommittee on the Coronavirus Crisis:

COMMITTEE ON HOMELAND SECURITY,
HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES,
Washington, DC, April 13, 2020.

Hon. NANCY PELOSI,
Speaker, House of Representatives,
Washington, DC.

Hon. STENY HOYER,
Majority Leader, House of Representatives,
Washington, DC.

Hon. JAMES E. CLYBURN,
Majority Whip, House of Representatives,
Washington, DC.

DEAR SPEAKER PELOSI, LEADER HOYER, AND WHIP CLYBURN: I write today to express my strong support for the creation of the House Select Committee on the Coronavirus Crisis, and to thank you for your leadership of the House of Representatives' ongoing work in response to the unprecedented public health and economic crises we are facing. I also thank you for your continued focus on ensuring effective oversight of the trillions of taxpayer dollars that are being directed to support our nation's recovery.

As work continues on the establishment of the Select Committee, I write to recommend specific cross-cutting issues regarding implementation of the Coronavirus Aid, Relief and Economic Security (CARES) Act, the Families First Coronavirus Response Act, and other legislation addressing the coronavirus pandemic that require sustained oversight from the Select Committee. My comments encompass three broad areas, as described in more detail below. I appreciate your consideration of these recommendations and look forward to working closely with you and the Select Committee to address these urgent issues.

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PRIORITIES

To be most effective, the Select Committee must be capable of producing hard-hitting findings and concrete recommendations in near real-time to help shape the course of the Federal response. The Select Committee must be organized quickly, and it must be allocated the robust budget necessary to ensure it is staffed by experts in such fields as public health, economics, public finance, and the operations of Federal programs.

As there may be sustained efforts to impede oversight of the Federal response to the pandemic, the Committee must quickly establish effective working relationships with the oversight entities created in CARES and other legislation and with agency Inspectors

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